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In re Application of:)	Examiner: Unassigned	MAY 31 2001
AKINARI TAKAGI, ET AL.)	Group Art Unit: 2144	Technology Center 2600
Application No.: 09/653,278)		
Filed: August 31, 2000)		
For: IMAGE OBSERVATION)	May 29, 2001	
APPARATUS AND SYSTEM)		

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

These documents may be pertinent because they were cited in a European Search Report issued March 13, 2001. A

copy of the Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants submit that no fee is required for consideration of this information since, to the best of their knowledge, no Office Action has been mailed. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees necessary for consideration of this information to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.


CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

All correspondence should continue to be directed to our
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Respectfully submitted,


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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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